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In re Application of: EDWARD J. PETRUS	Examiner: Rachel L. Porter	OFFICIAL
Serial No. 09/444,660	Group Art Unit: 2166	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

The Appellant in the above styled application, petitions the Commissioner under § 708.02 to make special due to the applicant's age. No fee is required for such a petition. The Appeal (Appeal No. 2003-2002) was received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 6, 2003. The Appeal Brief was filed on April 4, 2003, and Reply Brief on July 8, 2003. In support of the Appellant/Applicant's age a copy of his birth certificate and Honorable Discharge from Service in the United States Army is attached.

Conclusion

It is the Applicant's belief that a Petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR § 1.102(c) to Make Special due to the Appellant's age is appropriate. It is therefore petitioned that relief be granted under 37 CFR § 1.102(c), that an expedited Appeal be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

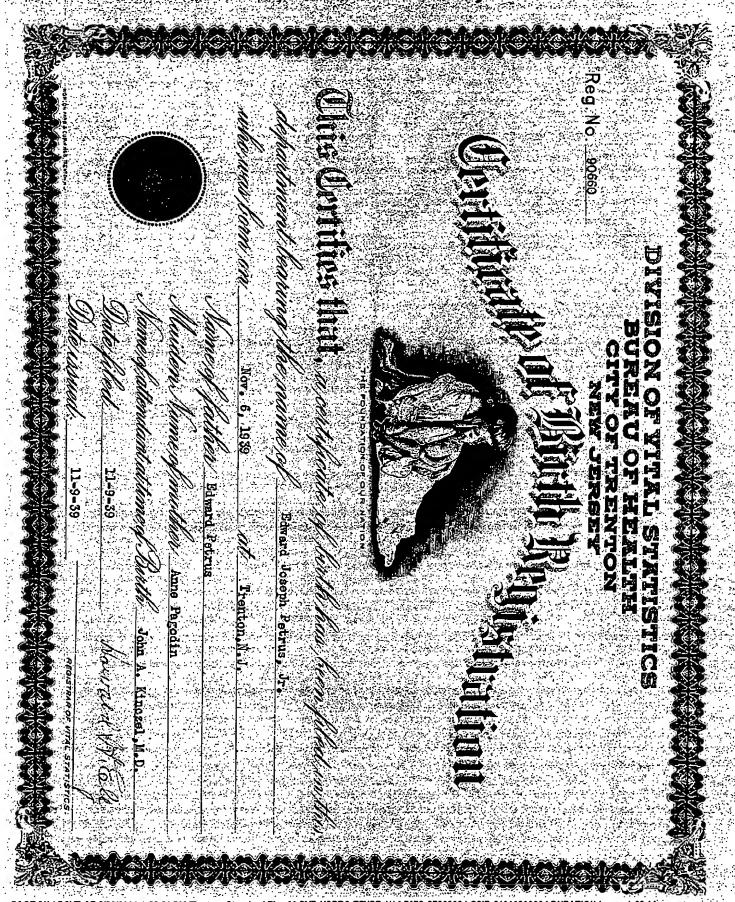
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